

**BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
August 28, 2014**

The meeting of the Board of Parks and Recreation was called to order by Chairman Williams, Thursday, August 28, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. at 200 East Washington Street, Suite 260, Indianapolis Indiana 46204.

**Board Members Present:** Chairman, John Williams, Mr. Joe Wynns,  
Ms. Anne Valentine and Mr. Josh Bowling

**Staff Present:** Louvenia Holstein, Board Secretary  
Suzanne Martin, Assistant Board Secretary  
Doug Kowalski, Deputy Corporation Counsel

**Directors Announcements:**

Chairman Williams greeted the Board and the audience and he welcomed them to the Board of Parks and Recreation and stated that today we have quite a few items on our agenda and will try to get through as soon as possible. Before we get started he just has one announcement to make. This past Friday he was honored to do a ribbon cutting for former City-County Councilor, Robert "Bob" Cockrum out at Carson Park and Mr. Cockrum had been a member of the City County Council for a number of years and on the Parks Committee for a number of years and was actually the president of the Council and he has done a lot of great work for Indy Parks and was really passionate about his district of Decatur Township. Bob and his wife were out there and a number of his family members to celebrate this honor and we thank you Bob if you are listening. We thank you for your service; we thank your commitment to Indy Parks.

**Approval of Minutes:** June19, 2014

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from June 19, 2014 Indy Parks Board meeting.

**New Business**

1. Agenda Item #24, 2014 –Indy Park Staff is recommending tht the Board of Parks and Recreation for the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana approve pony rides to be held at the Old Northside 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Picnic in the Frank and Judy O'Bannon Soccer Park September 6, 2014.

Chairman Williams welcomed Lee Ann White, Senior Park Manager, Indy Parks and Paul Smith, Real Estate Manager, City of Indianapolis. Ms. White stated that they are here today to request approval from the Board to allow pony rides at the Frank & Judy O'Bannon Soccer Park during the Old Northside 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighborhood Picnic. Jugs are catering and they will take up the southwest end of the park. It is a great event and it is the pony rides that they are requesting approval for. She has Paul Smith, President of the Old Northside

Neighborhood Association who is sponsoring the event. Chairman Williams asked the Board if they have any questions or comments. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Ms. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Wynns, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #24, 2014.

2. Agenda Item #25, 2014 – Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana approve the sale of beer during Fountain Fest (a ticketed fund raising event) at the Garfield Park Conservatory Sunken Gardens on September 13, 2014, which is sponsored by the Friends of Garfield Park.

Chairman Williams welcomed Kim Campbell, Park Manager and Mark Bowell, from The Friends of Garfield Park. Ms. Campbell stated that they are here today requesting approval from the Board for the sale of alcohol during the Fountain Fest event to take place at Garfield Park in the Conservatory Sunken Gardens on September 13, 2014 which is sponsored by The Friends of Garfield Park. Mr. Bowell thanked the Board and stated that he was happy to be here again to speak about this event. For a number of years The Friends hosted an event called “America We Remember” and last year they did that in conjunction with the Miracle Mile Parade which they still support which is a great event and actually going to be this Saturday. They felt like with respect to the campaign that they have launched, their next million dollar effort for the preservation and the maintenance of the Sunken Gardens and the fountains, which Don Colvin and the whole team spearheaded last year they committed to that and what they are trying to do is to bring a greater level of attention to the gardens to the fountains so they are hosting this event, Fountain Fest. As you can see they have a great amount of entertainment, they have food, and they have teamed up with a local Southside Brewery, the Fountain Square Brewery, that will be working with them and they are here today to seek the Board’s approval to do this. The brewery is handling all the licensing. They do a number of charity events throughout the year, like many micro-breweries here in the Indianapolis area do. The event will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup> and they will have to go up against the Notre Dame Football game later but they feel like Garfield Park can go toe-to-toe with anybody. They are excited about the good work that is happening in the park and they appreciate the collaboration from staff, Fritz and the team there at the Sunken Gardens, Kim and her folks, and George and Leslie over in the Arta Center. They have a nice collaboration and they have some great sponsors throughout the Southside of the city and they are here today to seek the Board’s support and answer any questions that you may have.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #25, 2014.

Mr. Bowell stated that he hopes to see everyone out on the 13<sup>th</sup> and thanked the Board again.

Mr. Wynns had a last minute question about the buy 2 get one free. Is that for beer or tickets? Mr. Bowell chuckled, and replied... that is for tickets and said to Joe, that if he came up, he would buy his beer.

3. Agenda Item #26, 2014 - Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana officially approve the authorization of a land acquisition of real estate (Parcel No. 7014074, 115 South Bonar Avenue and Parcel No. 7014544, 105 South Bonar Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, which is part of the Pennsy Trail, from the Commissioners of Marion County, Indiana which were offered in a tax sale without being sold and are available as surplus property.

Mr. Smith greeted the Chairman and the Board and thanked the Board secretary. Mr. Smith stated that he is here today to kind of draw your attention to the slide on the overhead screen which depicted an aerial of the as he directed the Board to follow a line on the map to the storage facility that drops down into what was historically was the right of way for the Pennsy Railroad and the Pennsy acquisition team had a challenge. We were either going to have to purchase a portion of that storage facility and knock it down at some tremendous expense or do a work-around for this particular property and if you look below you can see on the overhead screen in red you see actually two parcels divided by that yellow line. They were working on attempting to purchase those parcels from the owners of the property and were having a heck of a time because it is caught up in what he thinks some estates and it was going to take a long time and it just so happened, fortunately, at the same time, property taxes were not paid on these two properties and they became available through the Marion County, Indiana Surplus Sale. They have a tremendous relationship with the Treasurer's Office and they are forever looking out for us in terms of trail property, and they actually brought this to our attention and stated that if we want to we can make these available to you around \$500.00 a piece and all they will be doing is paying an administrative fee for those parcels. From a timing perspective it would have taken a lot longer to go the traditional route, and more importantly, it would have cost us a lot more money and we are very fortunate to get these two parcels from Marion County. This is an inter-governmental transfer which means that Marion County by the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Parks and Recreation will be passing substantially similar resolutions. The Marion County Board of Commissioners has already passed theirs last week. If the Board is so inclined and pass this one today, we would have met the requirements of the inter-governmental transfer with exception of paying the administrative fees we already have the invoices into DPW to get paid. He would be happy to answer any questions the Board may have. Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Valentine glad we have the relationship with the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Smith stated that it is absolutely true we are very fortunate.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item Resolution #26, 2014.

4. Agenda Item #27, 2014 – Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana approve the donation of land located at 4020 N. Carroll Road, Indianapolis, Indiana (Parcel No 4044989) from Timberstone Development, LLC , to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Smith stated that he would like Jenny Burroughs from the Indianapolis Parks Foundation to join him since this item involves that foundation. Mr. Smith stated that she was far too pretty to be sitting back there and her birthday is coming up real soon too. Mr. Smith stated that this agenda item is another one of those really fortunate kinds of thing that happens from time to time. This used to happen a lot more when the real estate housing was far more robust. But now, wow, “bust” is part of the word robust isn’t it? But now that the real estate side has really quit, we have not been seeing very many land gifts for quite some time. A call that came into the Director’s office and the Director ran this concept by Don Colvin in the Resource Development office and the Director and Mr. Colvin were both in the agreement that this 20 acres located at the 42 hundred block of Carrol Road, Indianapolis (which is County Line on the east side of Marion County). The gentlemen who was doing the development out there had 20 acres he wanted to make available for donation to Indy Parks. It is in an area that is underserved and a 20 acre park would make a wonderful neighborhood park. Mr. Smith asked the Board to look at the overhead area outlined in red. He stated to Don verifying that there is about 10 acres of woods up there. Mr. Colvin stated that this is about a 60 year old wood lot. There is plenty of area below for field play and a little to the right is a small pond. This is one of those types of sites that brings some real value to the Parks Department. The reason he wanted Jenny up here is they will be doing what has been done several times before. Rather than take this property directly into the Parks Department they will park it for a while in the Parks Foundation. The reason for this is that if they didn’t have a super large agenda today he would go into it more thoroughly and would be happy to talk about it at another time but there is a reason why we are doing it this way which will all make sense to you at some point. He told Mr. Colvin that he wanted to tell the Board today that we now have 155 acres right now sitting at the Parks Foundation which are all park acreage which will come our way eventually and the Board has all approved all of this acreage going into the Parks Foundation and ultimately he will not have to come back to the Board for their approval to get these properties into the Parks Department. These 20 acres will go to the Parks Foundation and they are asking that the Board authorize the acquisition of this particular property. He would once again be happy to answer any questions or comments from the Board.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions from the Board. Mr. Wynns replied, “you said acquisition”? Mr. Smith answered “yes sir”. Mr. Smith apologized. He meant acquisition just from the standpoint that we are acquiring it. Thank you for that clarification. Mr. Bowling stated that this is the best kind of acquisition. Chairman Williams stated that we do not have any property on this land. We are struggling to have the amenities on the eastside of Indianapolis so when this opportunity came into him he was extremely happy to hear about it. Mr. Smith stated that Grassy Creek Regional Park is nearby and of course that is park acreage but it is going to serve a different purpose than a neighborhood park and we need to have a nice little array on the east side community of neighborhood parks.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any more questions or comments from the Board. There were none.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Wynns, seconded by Ms. Valentine, and unanimously passed to approve Agenda Item #27, 2014.

5. Agenda Item #28, 2014 – Indy Parks Staff is recommending that the Board of Parks and Recreation of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis, Indiana authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana to adopt a 24 hour non-restrictive use policy for all Greenway Trails as identified in the Indy Greenways Full Circle 2014-2024 Master Plan.

Don Colvin greeted the Board and stated that he would start off and Andre will help him as they go through this process. Mr. Colvin stated that it is a privilege for him to present this to the Board today as they think through this process because many members in this room here today and himself, Andre and Mr. Wynns and Greg Silver and others who were here at the very beginning of the Greenway Trails development in Indianapolis and from the birth of the Monon and the Fall Creek Trail it is quite a maturity that the City has experienced growing these greenway trails and the completion of the Indy Greenways Full Circle Plan that they just finished which they have 63 miles of built trails and they are proposing over 200 plus miles of future Greenway trails. It has been very exciting to be a part of that process. He was trying to equate it to his daughter growing up and sending her away to college, you know, you have to take on more responsibilities as a system matures and he thinks we are at a point in our City's history that our trails have matured, our trail users understand the dynamics of our trails and they know how to ride them properly, they understand the connectivity of them and there is a lot more demand in our community for further connectivity both back and forth between our homes and our jobs, to our schools, to our neighborhoods and to our shopping centers. This has challenged us as a City to rethink the original intent of our trails as we are learning and growing up to what our trails are today.

We are not unique in our situation. Just to highlight a few and what is before you today is the extension of the Greenway Trail hours and asking the Board to give their approval to Director to extend those hours. Other cities that have matured and that have 24 hours are St. Cloud, Minnesota, Charlotte, North Carolina, Boulder Colorado, Madison Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Seattle, Washington, Columbus, Ohio, Portland, Oregon and Minneapolis, Minnesota. With these 24 hour extensions they have been rated by the league of American Bicyclists as either a bronze, platinum, silver, gold category. They retain the same laws that govern their streets and their public right-of-ways and those rules are assembled, the Indiana Code 9-21-11-9 requires all bicyclists who are using the trails after hours to use the same rules and regulations that govern bicyclists on the streets that lamps and reflectors are required. A bicyclist on a highway from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise must be equipped with the following: a lamp on the front exhibiting the white light visible from a distance at least 500 feet in front, a lamp in the rear exhibiting a red light visible from a distance at least 500 feet from the rear or a red reflector visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the rear.

They would be looking for any bicyclists on the Greenway Trails to have those same types of safety features on their bikes in order to use the trails at night. There are some other interesting things as he directed the Board to the overhead screen showing what they have showing the activity plan showing the Greenway Trails. He wants to be very clear that they are only talking about the Greenway Trails. They are not speaking about any inside park

trails. Any trail that is internal to a City park is not included in what you are voting on here today. This request only refers to the large Greenway Trails. On the next slide you will see the semiology which recognizes the Greenway Trails in the current Greenways Master Plan. Some of them you may be familiar with like the Monon, Pleasant Run, Fall Creek, the Canal, but there are some that are planned out for the future, like Big Eagle Creek and others and you can see them in your packet he provided. This would apply to all of those trails.

They have several partners in this. They have presented this to the Indianapolis Greenways Development Committee and Greg Silver; the Chairman of the Committee is with us today. They have their approval to move forward in this proposal to go before the Parks Board for the Board approval to support this initiative and they have been working over the years with Indy Cog and they have afforded with is also in your packet, a letter of support and just before he came into this meeting this number may of went up there is over 1,793 individual supporters recommendations on their account to support this initiative going forward and he also has a letter from Eli Lilly speaking about the importance of connecting the trails to their corporation where their workers could commute back and forth. The director in the past has also extended the hours at various times, particularly when we have Daylight Savings Time so in the winter the Parks Department Director has extended the hours of use from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. which would allow commuters to come back and forth. To his knowledge there have not been any incidents with the extension of those hours. Actually by extending the hours in many ways we create a safer environment for our trail users. We had a situation not too long ago when the State Fair was in process and a guest who attended the State Fair and was riding back downtown with their family and got to about 16<sup>th</sup> Street and they live at Cottage Homes which is just a little bit south of 10<sup>th</sup> Street and they were asked to leave the actual trail because it was slightly after 9:00 p.m. This forced this family to actually commute on the public streets which was a real challenge to weave your way through that community to find a safe way to travel and within less than a mile they would have been able to travel the trail straight back home. This was the law at the time. This proposal before you would eliminate that and allow safe travel to the State Fair Grounds both at that time of the year as well as many commuters.

Also in the Indianapolis Greenways Plan in Chapter 6 which is also in your packets, there is a recommendation where they conducted numerous public meetings around the community and received support from the community members to look at this policy and encouraging them to pursue extending this to 24 hours usage. He mentioned the other cities earlier and how they were rated by the League of American Bicyclists of either bronze, silver platinum or gold and the City of Indianapolis is currently rated as a bronze category and we are trying very hard and with all the bike lanes that have been built around the City of over 100 miles of connectivity of bike lanes are really trying to push towards the gold and platinum categories. This does a lot for us as a City as we all talk about economic development and growing our city and bringing young professionals and their young minds and keeping them living here and this is one of the tools we have under our management that could enhance that and help that occur in our great city. Again, Indy Parks is trying to play their small role in this larger economic development equation. We are about ready to open the Pennsy and there are going to be some new development starting this fall to connect the Pennsy into Ellenberger Park which is the Pleasant Run Greenway Trail. All that economic develop along that stretch of Washington Street is by the Pennsy. So they think, like the Monon has proven over and over again the economic stimulus, they feel that the Pennsy Trail will also

create that economic stimulus and this 24 hour model will actually assist that. Mr. Colvin asked Mr. Denman if he had forgotten anything and Mr. Denman stated that he felt that Mr. Colvin hit everything but the only thing that he would like to add is that what is before you didn't come up hastily, again Don mentioned the Greenways Master Plan and what was in the implementation Chapter 6 came about with a number of meetings, not with just big groups but with several individual residents and the public with our Public Safety Department and a lot of time was taken before they brought this before you.

Mr. Colvin stated that he does have something to show the Board. This is important to understand, let's say the Board was enthusiastic about this proposal, they just as part of the Greenways Master Plan developed a new signage package which will help our guests on our trails have really strong semiology out on the trails. He asked that everyone pay attention to the little red symbol which was created to represent a sort of mile marker indicates where a patron is particularly located on the trail to identify for assistance. They think this is a great tool as they mature and go forward in the development of their Greenway Trails, ought oh... he asked to go backwards... we are only a moving forward city... everyone laughed. He stated that the previous slide was the sign package together. This has been very critical for the operational side of development of greenway trails and our old sign package was very expensive to actual build and maintain. This is very affordable which is built on a modular type system so we are very sensitive to the ongoing operational course of our greenway trails. Thank you Director. Andre stated that this system is not in place at this time. Don concurred. The public may see them out on the trails but they are not operational at this time.

Chairman Williams stated that before we get started with comments or questions here in the last couple of days he has had several calls of concern about the 24 hour operation and until he receives more information and he wants to talk to Don and Andre and with our sister agency, DPW to find out more information and he actually had a conversation with some leadership at IMPD as well and some of these concerns just recently came up and he wants to make sure that they are fully on the same page as far as to what is going to transpire and he believes that before we go down that path of approval there also are a few questions that our outstanding so he is going to propose that we TABLE this agenda item until a future date, which will be probably at next month's Parks Board meeting to review this closer and then render a decision as to whether or not we want to go forward with the 24 hours.

Mr. Wynns stated he would only mention that what bothers him is the attracted nuisance and this is the recreation liability piece from a legal standpoint and you are telling somebody that they can be out there at 3:00 or 4:00 in the morning if you go 24 hours; you are opening up and inviting me to come. If I come, do you have the amenities to protect me? Do you have the lights; do you have all those amenities? Chairman Williams stated that those are some of the things he is concerned with as well that he wants to be sure what other communities are doing with regard to these issues and whether or not this realistically feasible and whether we really want to do this. Again we have consented to postpone the voting on this agenda item until further discussion and questions are answered. Again, this is not a public hearing but the Greenways Committee Chair is here asking to speak for a minute so he will allow him to speak. Chairman Williams asked him to introduce himself. Mr. Greg Silvers did so. He stated that the Greenways Committee unanimously supported assuming that the Board would raise the issues that they did and that the trails would be secure. They were

concerned that if this was approved and they get voted into a higher category that the City would be able to attract further funds for the Greenways maintenance and transportation funds, but if it has to be something that you feel comfortable with and the community feels secure. He supports it subject to exactly what you just said.

Chairman Williams thanked Mr. Colvin and Mr. Denman for their presentation and he will get back to them within the next few days to discuss some of these issues. Mr. Bowling brought to Chairman Williams's attention that there were others in the audience who had planned to speak. Chairman Williams mentioned that he did recognize Indy Cog representatives in the audience and if they would like to speak that again this is not a public hearing but if they would like to comment he would give them a couple of minutes as well. Indy Cog's Executive Director did stand to speak and introduced himself. He stated that they actually did most of that research and he believes that he asked about lighting and other trails and it wasn't just questions about whether these other cities were open 24 hours there were extensive questions asked such. Don has that research and most of the trails do not have lighting on them. They also found from some of the larger cities like Seattle, and Chicago were surprised that we closed the trails at night. They asked if we chained them up as well. We stated no, we have police enforce it. They asked if the police enforce it, why you don't just let people ride on it. That is all. Chairman Williams thanked him for his comments.

A motion was made by Chairman Williams to table Agenda Item #28, 2014 until further discussion takes place.

### **Presentations**

- Indy Parks Budget – Dan Norris, Deputy CFO- Indy Parks

Dan stated that he has been with the Finance Division since 2006 and every year he has watched numbers come away from our budget. This year it was very fun to go through the budget and not see those staggering numbers come out of our budget. You all should have a copy of this presentation in front of you and when you look at the budget in 2012 they had the consolidated county budget of 1 million dollars that is strictly for The Arts Council. This is a pass through grant through the Mayor's Office. Parks General Budget was 15 million dollars and he went through that in progression. It started coming back up in 2014 and where we are right now in 2016 we are looking at a loss of in 2015 of about 60 thousand dollars which isn't a whole lot in comparison to the years prior to this and it is well within our grasp. The Federal, Joenne Pope does a really good job with the After School and Summer Camps and Summer Lunch Program.

Dan went on to go through the CUM Fund which in 2014 all went to DPW.

The long and short of it is that we had a reduction in our 2015 budget of \$24,000.

Dan went through Character 1 Salaries which we had an increase of \$21,000.

Materials and supplies we had a reduction of \$60,000.

Character 3 a slight increase of \$7,000.



Character 4 an increase of \$10,000.

Internal Charges is a reduction of \$3,500.00.

There were no questions from the Board.

Revenue on the reverse side. Dan went through the comparison of the years as well for these.

Revenue was not received due to the weather from the pools.

They are still trying to fine tune the 2015 budgeted number.

Dan went on to describe the comparison of the Federal Grants.

All this calculated information was provided to the Board members and will be included in the Parks Board books of record for future review.

Ms. Valentine asked about the Federal Dollars if they were all restricted. Chairman Williams replied that they are all restricted.

Mr. Wynns asked if the Federal Grants guaranteed or do we have to apply for them. Dan replied that the Federal Grants are reimbursable. These are for the Summer Lunch Program. If we spend the money, we receive the revenue. These dollars are not like the CDBG grant dollars.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other questions from the Board. There were none.

- Aquatics Update – Jenny Stoneking, Indy Parks

Chairman Williams greeted Jenny and she re-introduced herself and also greeted the Board. Jenny stated that she has worked for the Parks Department on and off since she was 16 and she has been in a full-time position now for 13 years. Mainly she has worked in the Aquatics area but dabbled in parks and the family centers as well as the neighborhood parks. She is happy to present to you today the Aquatics update for this summer. Just as a review we do have 15 outdoor pools and they operate 5 indoor pools and they have the beachfront at Eagle Creek Park. Jenny pointed to the overhead screen showing the Board pictures that were taken at their pools this summer.

If you haven't been to their pools they offer a wide variety of amenities and they reach a lot of target market kids, parents, adults, seniors and everything.

Registered Programs in the last year they have done 2,709 Youth and Adults through a program. They do a junior lifeguarding program which is a team of 11 – 15 year olds range. This is a hard target market and then they have their Lifeguard Certification Program. They are all a large parts of their aquatic world and a large part of their user base.

They have 11,000 users that took on their Fitness Program which is water aerobics, lap swimming water Zumba and arthritis exercise at their pools. This is one of the areas that they plan to push for more operations specifically at their indoor pools. Ms. Valentine asked if this total representing accumulative visits. Ms. Stoneking replied, "accumulative visits". This is a drop-in program so there is no way they could do individual users. They have added water Zumba which is really popular program. They are working on lap swimming with USA Masters to establish some programs with lap swimming and master swim programs.

Make a Splash is a program that they started about four years ago and every year it becomes more successful. It is a free water safety program offered for 4 days during the summer which is usually the third week of June. This becomes more and more popular each year as the word gets around. It takes place the first 30 minutes the facility is open. Anyone who wants to participate in this program can get a 30 minute water safety program and stay the rest of the day for free. It has become very popular with daycares and day camps. This year's attendance was a little down because it was really cold that week. They are looking to doing this in the fall and spring session with the indoor pools.

Swim Indy is another outreach program that they do. That is grant funded through the Summer Youth Fund and the Indianapolis Sports Corp's Champs Grant and they received about \$8,000 this year to run this program. They transport children to the pools and they specifically target day camps and run those children because it is a captive audience through the program and they get free regular session of swim lessons. It is different than the Make a Splash Program since that is water safety and this is actually core content learning to swim. Ms. Valentine asked how long. Jenny replied that they swim once a week for five weeks with the balanced calendar and the crunch of day camps and how long their seasons last really effects a lot of their programs. They are working on making this a longer and more sustainable program as well.

Open Swim is their big one. They had 145,500 customers this year was open swim, drop-ins, adults, youth and seniors and 2 years and under for a full calendar year and as you see that there are big numbers for the youth and they bring their parents with them too. This attendance number is about a 10% drop from last year and they are blaming it 100% on the weather. 2012 was a fantastic year for them where the average high temperature was 91 degrees and this year it was 80. The temperature really does play a big part of our attendance record.

Lifeguard Training as an agency they have 18 lifeguard instructors and trainers who are identified core competent instructors who then lead all of our lifeguard classes and a 3 day training is held with them each year and throughout the spring and into the beginning of summer they run lifeguard training classes. They held 15 this year which are about their average and they trained 319 lifeguards. A couple of things she would like to say on the lifeguard training are that they estimate at their facilities total on any given year between 300 to 400 water rescue saves. This doesn't include skinned knees, bloody noses, trips and falls, or anything like that. These are straight-up water rescues. This is what our guards do. This is their core job and we really want to recognize and applaud that they do this. This year they actually had 2 scary water rescues. They were children who were pulled out who

were actually choking on water or maybe or just slipped unconscious. Our staff followed their training exactly as they should have and were able to rescue and get that child alive to get them to the hospital and were under observation but they needed no medical treatment other than that. They really want to recognize the guards that did this who were at the Sahm and Perry parks which are 2 of our busiest pools. They also had staff at two facilities that responded to unconscious people at the park and at both of those instances they actually performed CPR and EMS was called and people were transported. She believes that the lifeguards in the park are really out there and it is not just their pool but their training can transfer to greater assistance in the community. Even at that they were doing a good enough job to get a 4 star ranking and this is a very big honor for us.

The outdoor pools closed on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and the spray grounds are open through Labor Day weekend. For those of you in the know, they do not shut off on Monday night. Until the maintenance guys get out and winterize them you may luck out that they are open for another week or two. We do still have those open and then the last slide you will see is a beautiful shot of the Northwestway pool with a rainbow over it expressing hope for warmer weather next summer.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Mr. Wynns asked about the water issue at Bethel? The water leak. Ms. Stoneking replied that this is being investigated and there is a leak at Bethel pool. They have done a leak study and they believe they know where the leak is coming from but they haven't determined why. Whether it was just a hard freeze or whether it is a construction issue. It is scheduled to be investigated this year and depending on what they find will determine whether it gets fixed this fall or next spring.

Mr. Wynns asked if the contractor will be held responsible. Ms. Stoneking replied that is unclear at this point. Chairman Williams stated that it will still need to be investigated and find the reason for the leak.

Mr. Wynns also asked if the Board could have an update on the capital projects in operations that are being worked on now. He said what are they working on now and what are the status of those projects.

Chairman Williams stated that he will have Don give an update on what is happening with capital.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Bowling, for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Wynns and unanimously passed to adjourn.

The next Board of Parks and Recreation meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the City County Building, Room 260, 200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46222.

**SUBMITTED:**

**APPROVED:**

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Louvenia Holstein, Board Secretary

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John W. Williams, Chairman  
Board of Parks and Recreation

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Date